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Date: March 22, 2004



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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
GROUP ART UNIT 1742**

PATENT

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Hirokazu KANEKIYO et al.	Art Unit: 1742
Serial No.: 09/986,390	
Filed: November 8, 2001	Examiner: J. Sheehan
Title: NANOCOMPOSITE MAGNET AND METHOD FOR PRODUCING SAME	

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

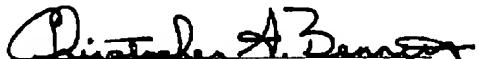
In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), Applicants hereby petition for a ONE-month extension of time to respond to the outstanding Office Action dated November 20, 2003, or until March 20, 2004.

Enclosed is a Credit Card Payment form for \$110.00 to pay the ONE-month extension fee in accordance with Rule 1.17(a)(1).

The Commissioner of Patents is authorized to charge any amount due, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-1353.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: March 22, 2004


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